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IOC to carry on with Moscow games

LAKE PLACID, Feb. 12 (R) — The International Olympic Committee has decided to carry on with the games in Moscow this summer, according to reliable sources. The United States had asked the committee to move the games from Moscow as a protest against Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. Members of the committee have spent the last few days debating the issue. IOC sources confirmed that the general feeling was that the Moscow games should go ahead, and that even the present situation with Soviet troops intervening in Afghanistan did not disqualify the Russians from hosting the games. In Washington, White House officials denied a press report that President Carter had reversed his policy and was leaving open the possibility of U.S. athletes competing in Moscow if the Soviet Union pulled out of Afghanistan by May 24, the final day for accepting or rejecting formal invitations to the games. The U.S. Olympic Committee will have to decide next month whether to go ahead with a boycott, either alone or with other countries which accept the Carter view.

diplomat Jacob Malik dies

Feb. 12 (R) — Jacob Malik, one of the Soviet Union's 31 diplomats, died yesterday at the age of 73, Tass reported today. The Ukrainian-born Mr. Malik was the Kremlin's chief representative at the United Nations during the period of cold war east-west tension and was one of his country's chief spokesmen on international problems. The official obituary, signed by the senior Soviet diplomat, said Mr. Malik had died after a serious illness. He had been in the Soviet Union since 1951, when he was appointed to his post at the age of 36, when he was ambassador to Japan. Mr. Malik was rarely far from international confrontation. Recognized as an expert on relations and well versed in Middle Eastern affairs, he served as a deputy foreign minister up to 1951, in a famous "price of peace" speech on television, he delivered what was seen as the first salvo for an end to the Korean war.

Israeli-backed militiamen bombard South Lebanon

South Lebanon, Feb. 12 (R) — Militiamen in South Lebanon with day and night attacks were many. The spokesman said there was heavy damage in Tyre and residents were fleeing to safer areas. Security sources said there had been many casualties, but no precise figures were available. Left-wing sources in Nabatiyah said several shells had slammed into the main street of their town and one had hit an electricity generating station. The U.N. spokesman said Palestinian forces fired five artillery rounds into the 10-kilometre belt of border territory controlled by the right-wing militias.

Israeli planes meanwhile drew ground fire when they flew over Beirut and large areas of the south. It was the second successive day of artillery duels in the strategic region beside Israel. The rightists had vowed swift retaliation for the death of four people in a village under their control yesterday. A series of sporadic artillery battles in the south in the past few weeks reflected heightened tensions caused by a redeployment of Syrian peacekeeping troops elsewhere in Lebanon, diplomatic sources said.

In Beirut, the state radio said the main highway linking the mainly left-wing side of the city with right-wing districts was closed by sniper fire. Officials said a high-level delegation headed by Premier Salim Al Hoss will visit Damascus tomorrow for talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on Lebanese-Syrian relations.

A Syrian announcement that it plans to withdraw an estimated 8,000 peacekeeping troops from Beirut has raised fears of renewed fighting between the factions which fought in the 1975-76 civil war. Last night President Elias Sarkis had a telephone conversation with Mr. Assad and today met Prime Minister Hoss to discuss Lebanon's approach to the planned withdrawal.

Four people were killed and at least 10 were wounded when the two sides fought an artillery duel yesterday.



His Majesty King Hussein receiving visiting Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez (centre) at Al Nadwa Palace Tuesday.

Abdul Hamid, Suarez start talks on world problems

AMMAN, Feb. 12 (JT) — Official talks started here this evening between Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf and visiting Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez.

The meeting dealt with "a comprehensive review of the international situation, especially in relations to recent Middle East developments, and the need for achieving a just solution that would guarantee stability and peace in the region," the Jordan News Agency (JNA) reported.

It said Sharif Abdul Hamid "reiterated Jordan's firm stand regarding the Middle East question, which calls for complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the recognition of the national rights of the Palestinian people, including its right to self-determination on its national soil."

He said Spain had "an important role to play in developing the European stand regarding Arab rights."

Dr. Suarez expressed "Spain's understanding" and his country's keenness that a just and comprehensive solution in the Middle East "must take into consideration the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and complete Israeli withdrawal," JNA said.

When asked whether the Camp David accords had accomplished a step towards Middle East peace, Mr. Suarez said: "The Camp David approach has produced only partial results with two parties, Egypt and Israel, by improving their bilateral relations. But this is still not a global solution."

The two sides also discussed bilateral relations and agreed to "develop the existing cultural agreement between the two countries and bolster (its stipulations) further," JNA said.

He said Spain seeks a global solution in the Middle East peace which would be acceptable to all parties concerned. "This could be done through the United Nations or by an outside initiative. It doesn't matter that procedure be strictly followed, only that a move towards a global solution be made," he said.

The two sides also stressed the significance of "continued contacts and the exchange of visits between officials from both countries," JNA said.

Dr. Suarez arrived here for two days of talks on the Middle East today after ending a two-day visit to Iraq.

The talks were attended by Minister of State Hassan Ibrahim, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qassem and Minister of Supply Jawad Anani. The Spanish side included Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja Aguirre and Minister of Commerce and Tourism Juan Antonio Garcia-Diez.

Earlier today, His Majesty King Hussein received Mr. Suarez in audience at Nadwa Palace with whom he reviewed Spanish-Jordanian relations.



ional Briefs

12 (R) — King Khalid of Saudi Arabia and President Campesino of Venezuela held their first session in Riyadh today. The foreign minister of Saudi Arabia, Saud Al Faisal, and Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad al-Falaki were also present. The two sides discussed developments in the Middle East and oil prices, but did not elaborate. Saudi Campesino has already visited Algeria, the Libyan, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and

12 (R) — Some 7,500 men have been purged from the ranks since last year's revolution, the head of intelligence said today. Major-General al-Shudmeh was quoted by the newspaper, saying that the purge was ordered by a five-man defence ministry approved by the ruling Council. Defence Minister Mostafa Chamran told Kayhan that although a list of 7,500 people to be purged, only 4,000 people had been formally purged. Of these, some had been sacked and others were being purged as well. The other 3,500 were in due course, he added. Gen. Shadmeh met Hassan Bani-Sadr last Saturday to discuss the Iranian defence force. It was not clear whether the purge was the demands for new purges.

12 (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation is in Mali. President Moussa Traore said last night on a visit to Iraq and Syria. President Traore also leader Yasser Arafat, whom he met in Damascus, official visit to Mali. He gave no date.

12 (R) — Qatar said today Arab countries should take counter propaganda against them in the west. It has been a vicious campaign to discredit the Arab oil-producing countries in the west, as well as their religion. Qatar Information Minister Issa wari said. He was opening a two-day annual commemoration ministers from seven Gulf states. He said they were blamed for the economic problems of the 1. Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Arabia and Iraq are attending the conference. The issue is a joint Gulf information campaign in Europe a petroleum information plan for 1980. They will be prospects of setting up a Gulf radio and tele-

12 (R) — South Yemen and the Soviet Union have a friendship and cooperation treaty that strengthen position in the strategic Red Sea area. The treaty, signed in Moscow, pledged all-round cooperation in countries ranging from politics and agriculture to id.

Feb. 12 (R) — Three Palestinians have each been arrested for trying to shoot down an Israeli airliner over the Red Sea. The Israeli news agency Iltm reported that was held in camera and Iltm said it ended last week's lastings. An Israeli army spokesman said he had information of any details of the Iltm story was the only account to appear in the Iltm. The Palestinians were arrested with two West German citizens in January 1976. The two Germans, Brigitte Schulz, were jailed for 10 years last

Feb. 12 (R) — National insurance companies from the Middle East met here today to discuss the formation of a regional insurance organization. The two-day meeting opening was attended by representatives from 25 insurance companies in the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, and Kuwait. The decision was made following last week's meeting by the giant Lloyds of London insurance company, which is a member of the Gulf region. The decision was made following last week's meeting by the giant Lloyds of London insurance company, which is a member of the Gulf region. The decision was made following last week's meeting by the giant Lloyds of London insurance company, which is a member of the Gulf region.

Jamahiriyyah calls for war against France

TRIPOLI, Feb. 12 (Agencies) — The ruling party in the Libyan Jamahiriyyah has called for war against France if it refuses to withdraw its "invasion" force from Tunisia, the Libyan News Agency JANA said today.

A meeting of the People's Congress called on France to withdraw its forces from Tunisia. Otherwise, it said, Libya would be compelled "to confront the aggressive and colonialist French stand by all means, including war, and to threaten and undermine all French interests in all parts of the world."

The retaliation would be violent and costly to France, the congress said in a resolution after an emergency meeting here last night.

France sent three warships to the western Mediterranean after Tunisia asked for military help following a raid on the southern mining town of Gafsa on Jan. 27. Tunisia has accused Libya of organising and financing the raid, in which 41 people, including 22 Tunisian soldiers, were killed. Libyan leader Muammar

Qadhafi expressed solidarity with the "popular revolution in Tunisia" and said Tunisia was being subjected to a French imperialist invasion. The People's Congress called for reinforcement of a strategic alliance with what it called the oppressed people and revolutionaries in Tunisia in their struggle to overthrow President Habib Bourguiba.

In Tunis, informed sources said today the Arab League council will meet in special session there on Saturday to discuss a Tunisian complaint against the Libyan Jamahiriyyah. Foreign ministers will attend the meeting, requested by Tunisia, "to discuss the attack against the city of Gafsa at the instigation of the Libyan regime."

The Libyans have also requested an Arab League meeting to discuss "the invasion of Tunisia by France."

France supplied transport aircraft and helicopters to Tunisia after the Gafsa attack. Mr. Ahmad Hilal, Libyan ambassador in Saudi Arabia, said in Jeddah today his government had also requested an emergency meeting of Islamic foreign ministers to discuss the French position.

The French "intervention in Tunisia is similar to the Soviet action in Afghanistan," he told reporters.

Fierce fighting in Gonbad Kavus

TEHRAN, Feb. 12 (R) — Fierce fighting raged in the northeastern Iranian town of Gonbad Kavus today as revolutionary guards backed by army troops moved in to crush a four-day-old rebellion by minority Turkoman guerrillas. Local residents said.

One resident told Reuters by telephone that government forces were attacking the Turkomans with artillery, mortars, grenade launchers and automatic rifles. The guerrillas were reported to be shooting back from private houses and defending themselves with grenade-launchers captured in an eight-day uprising last spring.

Hospitals refused to give casualty figures. But residents said at least six Turkomans and seven revolutionary guards had been killed today, taking the total death toll to at least 32 with several times that number wounded.

President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr, speaking in Tehran last night, warned political parties, which he said were creating trouble in Gonbad Kavus and elsewhere, to lay down their arms and negotiate. "Otherwise the people will not tolerate this kind of incident and will crush them," he declared.

Mr. Bani-Sadr has blamed Marxist Fedayeen guerrillas for the unrest which began when a Fedayeen march last Friday ended in clashes with revolutionary guards. Iran's roving Islamic judge, Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali, is in Gonbad Kavus to investigate the disturbances.

Baghdad, Bonn in broad accord on many issues

BONN, Feb. 12 (R) — Iraq and West Germany, despite differences on the Middle East question, were today reported in broad agreement on numerous issues covered during three days of talks in Bonn.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi and West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher held a last round of discussions today which apparently concentrated on the Afghan crisis as well as Middle East developments.

The Bonn foreign ministry said "questions of the Near and Middle East regions" were discussed, but refused to go into detail. It said there was broad agreement on many of the issues.

Diplomatic sources said the two ministers also reviewed efforts to build closer ties between the European Common Market and the countries of the Gulf region. West Germany has repeatedly stressed the importance of stability for non-aligned countries following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.



Ms Patricia Dickey, a single 20-year-old woman of Olney, Md., U.S.A., was artificially inseminated during the weekend at a New York City fertility lab. When the child is born, Ms Dickey has promised to hand over the child for adoption to the biological father and his wife, who is unable to have children of her own. (AP wirephoto)

Gromyko accuses U.S. of trying to convert Pakistan into tension hotbed

NEW DELHI, Feb. 12 (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko today accused the United States of trying to convert Pakistan into a hotbed of tension and "a springboard for further escalation of aggression against Afghanistan."

The Soviet minister, who arrived earlier today for a 44-hour visit, said that if Pakistan went along the path followed by the United States and China, it would "get nothing good" and would undermine its position as an independent state.

But the spokesman declined to specify whether the measures included a withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

Mr. Gromyko was speaking at a banquet after holding lengthy talks on the Afghan situation with Premier Indira Gandhi and other Indian leaders.

An official Indian spokesman said that during his talks with Mrs. Gandhi, the Soviet minister had agreed to consider measures to defuse the situation in the region.

Mr. Gromyko said that Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev had already given an "exhaustive answer" in a recent interview with the Soviet newspaper Pravda on when and under which conditions the "limited Soviet military contingents would be withdrawn from Afghanistan."

He said all other statements on this were "guesswork... cooked at the Washington political kitchen." "All these (U.S.) activities can be qualified in no other way but as an immediate threat to the security and independence of peoples of the Middle East and Near East and the peoples of South Asia. And we understand these people's concern," Mr. Gromyko said.

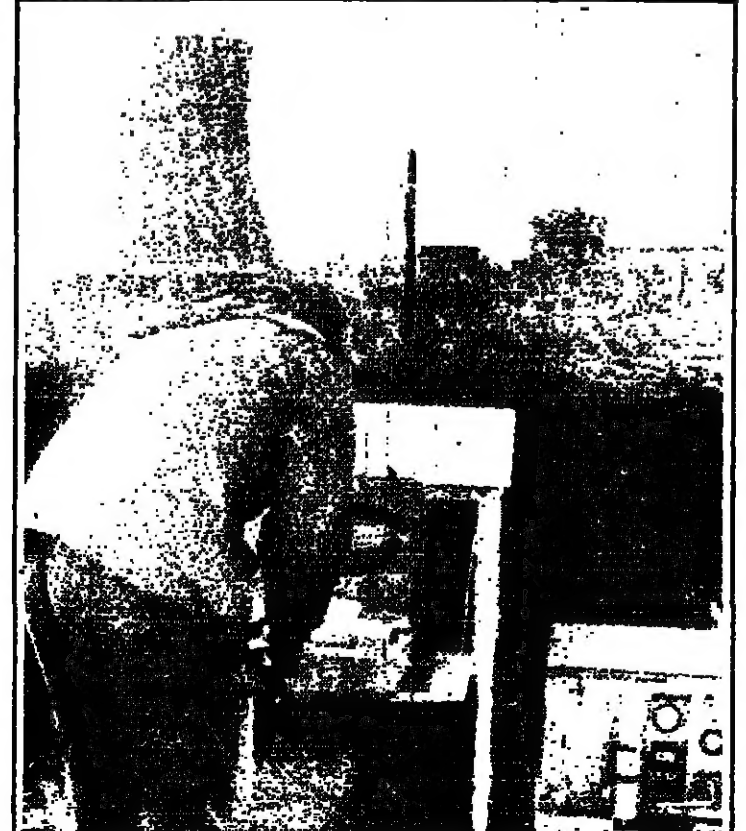
Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao told Mr. Gromyko that India hoped the recent setbacks to detente would not bring the world to the brink of another cold war. "We know that the Soviet Union too must share this hope," he said.

Although he did not specifically mention Afghanistan, Mr. Rao said recent developments had threatened the stability of the region. "Our conviction that each country must be free to develop according to its own genius and tradition is central to any solution which we might consider," he said.

The Indian spokesman said Mrs. Gandhi explained to Mr. Gromyko India's opposition to the use of force and interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

Asked about the talks, Mrs. Gandhi told reporters: "As usual, frank."

The Indian government has stopped short of condemning the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, calling for negotiations rather than confrontation to secure the withdrawal of the Soviet troops.



An employee checks a radiation monitor tape across the Susquehanna River from the disabled Three Mile Island nuclear power plant near Middletown, Pa. He is testing for possible nuclear radiation leaks. In the background at right is the containment building for disabled reactor No. 2, and to the right of the dome reactor is the auxiliary building where a cooling system leak spilled radioactive water for nearly two hours Monday. The leak was contained inside the building. (AP wirephoto)

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Refinery workers elect coalition labour board

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Feb. 12 — A coalition, almost evenly divided among liberals, conservatives and moderates, was elected to form the nine-man board of the Petroleum Refinery Workers' Union in elections held yesterday. The results were made known early today.

Three blocs, Labour, Reform and "Holding to the Line of God" were vying for control of the board. Each presented a slate of nine candidates. In addition, seven candidates entered the race as independents.

Although the competition was considered heated, only 619 out of 1,049 workers who belong to the union voted in the biennial elections.

Mr. Ahmad Hamdan, a candidate from the Labour bloc, considered the most liberal of the three, secured 303 votes, the largest number of any single candidate. His bloc supported improved working conditions at the refinery, higher standards of living and a more developed health scheme for the workers, paid religious holidays for Christian workers, better investment of the workers' contributions to the refinery's provident fund and closer cooperation with the General Federation of Trade Unions here and its counterparts in other Arab countries.

Two other Labour candidates, Mr. Jamal Najdawi and Mr. Ahmad Abu Jbara, secretary general of Refinery Workers' Union, placed fourth and fifth respectively. Mr. Hamdan will now replace Mr. Abu Jbara as secretary general and also represent the refinery workers in the General Federation of Trade Unions. The retention of this coveted post amounts to a victory for the Labour bloc, although earlier yesterday evening its candidates had languidly predicted the bloc would sweep seven of the nine board seats.

The conservative Holding to the Line of God bloc was the second strongest grouping, with three of its candidates, Mr. Awwad Khawaldeh, Mr. Yassin Matameh and Mr. Mahmoud Arslan placing third, sixth and seventh respectively.

Their platform included the improvement of workers' conditions both "materially and morally" — candidates were campaigning for a mosque on the refinery's premises and paid prayer time — as well as for amicable relations with all sides of production, including management, and for the non-usurious investment of the provident fund, which now earns interest.

Mr. Sa'd Tal, director general of the refinery, told the Jordan Times in an interview before the elections that he considered the Holding to the Line of God bloc "sincere." He added that the management was not averse to investing contributions of workers who so desired in the Islamic Bank which does not pay or collect interest on loans.

He also said that a mosque at the refinery was a possibility, but he did not think that the concept of paid prayer time was currently a workable one.

He gave similarly small chances to management meeting at this time the demand for decreased working hours — from 48 to 42 hours a week — put forth by the Reform bloc and a number of independent candidates.

Only one of the nine elected board members came from the Reform bloc — Mr. Jamal Tamimi, who placed second. However, two independents, Mr. Nimr Saifan and Mr. Youssef Elaiyan, sharing many of what were called the moderate views of the Reform bloc, finished eighth and ninth respectively.

In addition to favouring the reduction of working hours while preserving the level of production, the Reform bloc's platform also stood for increasing the level of

income tax deductions for refinery workers to that of government employees, expanding the basis for membership in the union (they claimed only 50 per cent of the refinery workers were eligible) extending the workers' accident insurance to include death and disability resulting from non-work related injuries, thus putting the insurance on a par with what is offered to the refinery's engineers.

Other demands made by candidates which Mr. Tal said the management was willing — and even eager — to meet were the setting up of an employees' club and the setting up of a consumers' cooperative for refinery workers.

As a general comment on the election, Mr. Tal said that the refinery union does not really "represent labour demands because the management offers the employees more than what the union can get for them."

Palestine congress set for Al Aqsa

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 12 (Agencies) — The Supreme Muslim Council announced yesterday that it plans to sponsor a Palestinian National Congress next Tuesday at Al Aqsa Mosque.

The council's announcement did not say whether the congress would attempt to obtain a permit from Israeli occupation authorities. Arab meetings of a political nature have been forbidden in East Jerusalem by the Israeli authorities.

The press and foreign consulate officials will be invited to hear the congress discuss national issues. Arab political figures from throughout the occupied territories are expected to participate, including Nablus Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a, Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf and Gaza Mayor Rashid Al Shawwa, as well as religious leaders.

Jewish extremists set to Jerusalem Christian

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 12 (R) — Jewish extremists tried to set fire to a Christian souvenir shop in Jerusalem early today, in the latest in a series of attacks on missionary institutions in Jerusalem. Police said one suspect had been detained, but refused to name him or the organisation involved.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has pledged to step up police investigation into anti-Christian vandalism following angry reaction from heads of the

numerous churches in the city. The attacks have smashed church windows, anti-Christian slogans "pigs" and "bloody painted on several shops."

Israeli newspapers yesterday said an anonymous caller said the latest attack had been instigated by the "Kach" extremist group headed by the founder of the Jewish Defence League in the United States, Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Old people's home

Karameh to be remod

AMMAN, Feb. 12 (JNA) — Her Highness Princess Basma, accompanied by the Minister of Social Development, Mrs. In'am Mufti, today visited the old people's home in Karameh.

Mrs. Mufti unveiled a plan by her ministry to expand the home to accommodate 150 people and to set up four special sections in the home for each of the categories of mentally retarded, people with psychological problems, mendicants and displaced persons.

Plans to develop the home include planting 450 fruit trees on the grounds. A team from the Juvenile Delinquents Department, inmates of the juvenile correctional centre in Salt and students from the Institute for Social Work are already at work planting the trees and improving the facilities at the centre. Princess Basma planted a tree there herself during the visit.

Mr. Mufti said he had contacted the Ministry of Social Development and other public organisations to secure services for old people at the home. She said social workers identified nurses were bad. She added that many now sneak out of the home as a result of inadequate supervision.

Germany dg

flour for re

AMMAN, Feb. 12 (JNA) — Germany will donate 100 tonnes of flour for 3000 poor Jordanians, an agreement signed here by Finance Minister Sa'deh and for West German Charge d'Affaires Dr. Wilhelm Schuer.

Colonisation

WHAT IS happening in Hebron is one of the most sinister developments in the Middle East in recent years. It is happening not with the suddenness or drama of other similarly sinister developments, but rather gradually and almost stealthily. It is high time that we in the Arab World sat up and took notice of what is happening, and used every resource at our disposal to respond to it.

No-one, of course, needs to tell the native inhabitants of the occupied Arab city of Hebron, about their intensifying struggle. They are daily bearing the brunt of perhaps the most blatant and defiant Israeli attempt since 1973 to assert the will of Zionism in the Arab land of Palestine.

The murder of an Israeli soldier in Hebron (by as yet unknown assailants) has conveniently served as a catalyst for the Begin government's authorisation of the large-scale Jewish colonisation of the Arab city, together with the expansion of the existing settlement of Kiryat Arba and three others nearby.

This gives a dramatic new dimension to Israel's settlement policies, if only because of the paranoid frenzy with which the Israelis go about these matters. In fact, as the East Jerusalem Arabic newspaper *Al Quds* has pointed out, the presence of Jewish families in Hebron, as has been the case in the past, does not alter the Arab and Islamic character of the city. But making this city a test case for massive Jewish colonisation could have the kind of disruptive effects associated with the original influx of European Jews into Palestine.

This is quite apart from the fact that, unlike 1948, international laws now exist which quite clearly forbid the type of civilian settlement carried out by the Israelis on the occupied territory of others.

Let us also leave aside the question of the impact of the Hebron decision on the Middle East "peace process," since it has been clear from the outset that Israel's aim in pursuing these negotiations with Egypt and the United States has been to secure a protective shield for precisely this type of colonisation. They will argue that it doesn't matter how many Israelis are settled in Hebron since the Arabs of that region will soon be granted "autonomy". Such autonomy would give the Arabs of Hebron, and elsewhere, the right to administer their own rubbish collection, perhaps, but they would in the process have surrendered their claim to national sovereignty in their own homeland, and meanwhile would have witnessed the settlement there of who knows how many thousands of Jewish citizens of the Israeli state. That way, as Israel knows perfectly well, lies annexation.

Hebron Mayor Fahd Qawasmli makes a compellingly logical point when he says that he would happily welcome Jews to Hebron, as long as Arab Palestinians were given the right to return to their homes in Lydda, Ramle and Jaffa. Indeed, it does not take much imagination, or any reading between the lines, to see that, in a secular, independent, democratic state of Palestine, Jewish (or, for that matter, atheist) natives of Palestine would be free to live alongside Muslim and Christian Arabs anywhere in the land. That would include the City of Abraham which they all revere.

These are the realities which must be made clear to the United States in the "urgent, high-level report" which Mr. Vance has requested about the Hebron affair before the U.S. decides how to react to the Israeli move.

As it is now, the affair has pushed the Arab-Zionist conflict onto a new plane of tension which cannot conceivably enhance the prospects of peace.

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AL RA'I: The urea has become used to the tours made by American envoys over the past two years at various levels: Mr. Donald McHenry is not the first, and will not be the last. So far there is no indication that he carries with him anything particularly new, therefore, dialogue about the Middle East situation, including the Palestinian problem is the distinguishing nature of the American envoy's mission.

Naturally, dialogue about this situation is a desirable thing, and the Arabs have always been keen on keeping the door open to enable those seeking the truth to achieve what they want. The facts of the Arab position have become very clear to everybody, whether on the Palestinian issue or the Afghan crisis — or the firm rejection of all that may lead to involving the area in the conflict between the superpowers. Therefore, dialogue about these facts ought now to enter the stage of interaction, since they have become so well-known.

What is being realised is that the American interaction with the realities of the Arab situation is still either dormant or extremely limited. Concerning the Palestinian problem, this interaction has not gone beyond the theoretical framework represented by support for the U.N. resolutions on the issue, while American practice — which supports Israel and the Camp David process — has rendered the same interaction void at the operational level — and made its true motives transparent.

Concerning the situation in the area, it is obvious the American efforts to polarise it are continuing, which means another fact about the Arab position has not received the American response it deserves — and that is the Arabs' refusal to involve the area in the superpower conflict. AL DUSTOUR: The visit of Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez reminds us of Spain's attitude, which has never changed, with regard to Arab rights in Palestine. Spain is one of the very few countries which have linked their stands with that of the Arabs towards Zionist aggression.

Therefore, we look forward during this visit to the particular role Spain may play in urging the European group to shoulder its responsibility in establishing comprehensive peace and ending the Zionist invasion of the region. The close ties between the Arab countries and the people of the friendly European countries overlooking the Mediterranean call for such assistance.

The visiting Spanish premier, who has emerged in contemporary Spanish history as a unique statesman, whether for his political thinking, his belief in individual freedom or his style of administration, is an outstanding democratic phenomenon on the European continent.

Prime Minister Suarez has been able to control the domestic problems threatening the Spanish nation and to take hold of the trends which have been calling for imposing a more strict regime than the preceding one — and succeeded in setting up the principles for an orderly, peaceful and quiet transfer to the oasis of democracy.

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Local News Briefs

AMMAN, Feb. 12 (JNA) — A Moroccan parliamentary delegation left Amman today at the end of a three-day visit to Jordan.

AQABA, Feb. 12 (JT) — A budget of JD 2.5 million was earmarked for projects in Aqaba during 1980, a spokesman for a special committee in charge of the city's project said today. He was quoted by *Al Rai* newspaper as saying the projects include building roads, sewers and extending the existing telephone network.

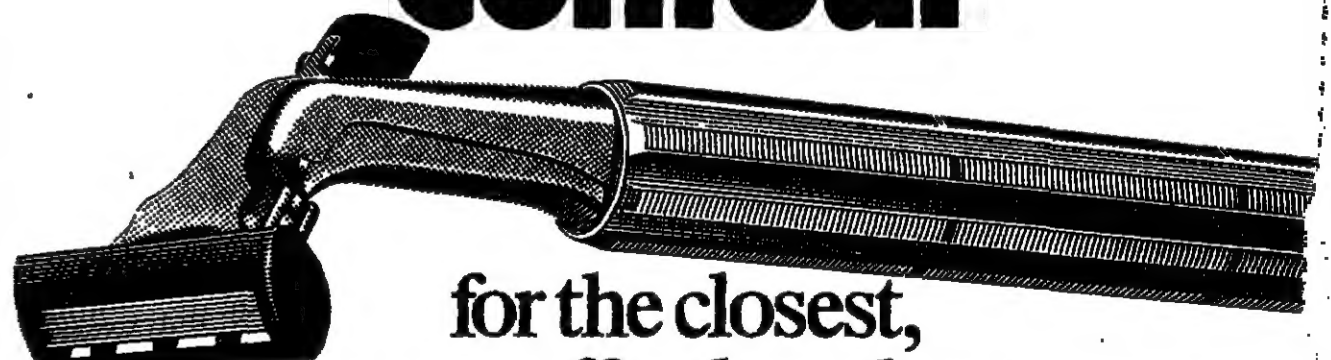
AMMAN, Feb. 12 (JNA) — Technical and administrative subjects pertaining to a U.N.-sponsored pioneer project for developing pasture land in southern Jordan were today discussed by a team from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the Director General of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation, Mr. Hassan Nabulsi. They also discussed funds required for the project and the participation of Jordanian cooperative organisations in its implementation. The FAO team, on a ten-day visit to Jordan, will tomorrow tour the pasture reservation in the northern region of the country, and the Jerash cooperative organisation. In later visits, the team will tour other sites in the centre and south of Jordan.

AMMAN, Feb. 12 (JNA) — The Chairman of the board of directors of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, Mr. Ali Ghandour, has left for the United States to take part in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) meeting starting in Washington tomorrow. During the meeting, to last several days, participants will discuss coordination among airlines flying the Atlantic, particularly on routes between the Middle East and Europe on the one hand, and the United States and Canada on the other, a Alia spokesman said.

AMMAN, Feb. 12 (JNA) — The Secretary General of the Baghdad-based Arab Union of Scientific Research Councils (AUSRC), Dr. Nizar Al Shawi, left Amman today at the end of a three-day visit to Jordan. During the visit, Dr. Shawi held talks at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) on means of promoting cooperation between the AUSRC and the society. According to the RSS Planning Director, Dr. Abdullah Al Khatib, the two sides also discussed a AUSRC recommendation for the establishment of a special \$500 million Arab fund for scientific research and development.

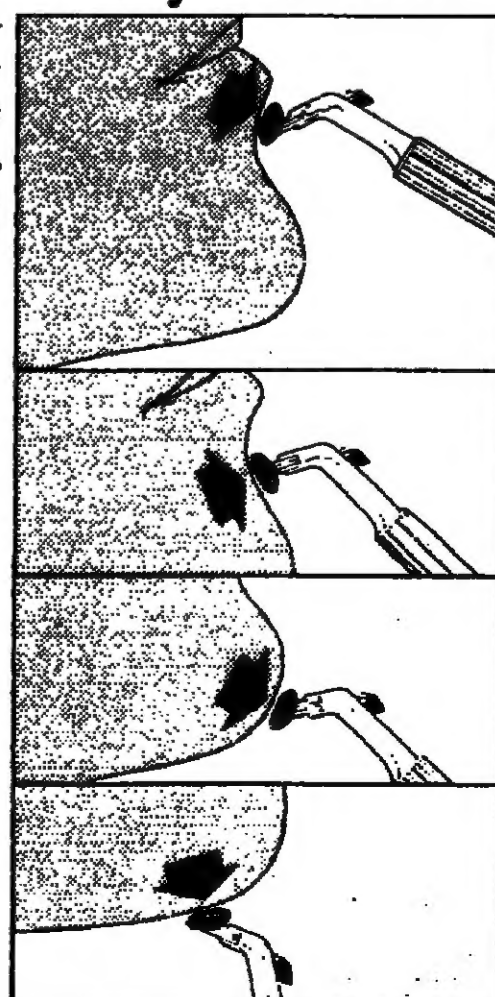
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National Gallery inaugurated

Jordan Times
Reporter

Feb. 12 -- A villa over-
Muntazah Circle in
ibdeh today became
of Jordan's National
the Arts following the
uguration by Their
King Hussein and

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were escorted round
by Princess Wijdan,
the gallery's founding
Mrs. Samia Zaru
secretary) and Mr.
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the 70-odd rephe-
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seven well-lit, pleas-
ted rooms that from
floor of the villa are
ng from contemporary
ng Arab artists, heav-
d by years of studying



King Hussein and Queen Noor discuss the merits of one of the exhibits at the opening of the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts Tuesday afternoon. On the King's right is Princess Wijdan and on the Queen's left Samia Zaru and Samer Tabba (director of the gallery).

(Photo by Sara O'Neil)

made before the royal couple left,
stressed the fact that the gallery
has been established thanks to
Jordanian individuals who worked as
a team to get the gallery opened in
a short time (the society was
founded only a year ago). It was
important to establish the gallery
first on a Jordanian level, before
going to outside sponsors, such as
other Arab governments, for help.

Although embassies have
already been asked to help
arrange exchange programmes,
only the Pakistanis have con-
tributed so far (about a dozen
artists are represented in the
present show).

The present home of the gallery
is only temporary, for as long as it
takes to raise the JD 1 million
needed to build a permanent
home. This will house not only
nineteenth and twentieth century
works but also old manuscripts
and a reference library.

Other members of the founding
committee of the Royal Society of
Fine Arts, whose patron is Queen
Noor, are: Dr. Mahmoud Samra
(Vice president); Mr. Khaled Bit-
ter (treasurer); Mr. Farid Saad,
Dr. Albert Boutros, Mr. Muhanna
Durra, Mr. Ja'far Tulan, Mr.
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New food prices listed

AMMAN, Feb. 12 (JNA) -- The
Minister of Supply, Dr. Jawad
Anani, today issued an order
reducing the retail prices of
imported meat to JD 1,200 per
kilogram of veal and JD 1,100 per
kilogram of mutton.

The decision will be valid as
from tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb.
13.

The order fixed the prices
of fresh veal meat imported by the
ministry as follows:

-- Leg. of veal JD 1,200 per kilo-
gram boneless.

-- JD 1,500 per kilogram of fresh
veal fillet for the consumer.

This decision will be valid as
from Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The decision prohibited butch-
ers from selling meat to restau-
rants and hotels, and to caterers
who supply meat to institutions.

The minister of supply also
issued an order fixing the prices of
dairy products as follows:

Type and container

Yogurt in a plastic
container with cover.....500grams.....80 fils

Labaneh in a plastic
container with cover.....250grams.....40 fils

Pasteurised milk in a nylon bag.....1 kilogram.....180 fils

--All producers should write the
dates of manufacture and expiry
and the final selling price for the
consumer on every container.

--The regulations prohibit the
usage of containers other than
those mentioned above, or the use
of containers of non-standard
weights without informing the
Ministry of Supply and obtaining a
permit.

On the new orders, the Under-
secretary of the Ministry of Sup-
ply, Mr. Mohammad Saqqaf, said
that the commodities which are
affected can be divided into
three groups: Fixed price com-
modities with which the Ministry
of Supply deals -- that is, the fresh
meat--and fixed price com-
modities with which the private
sector deals -- that is, chemical
detergents, dairy products and
plain *halaweh*--and finally, com-
modities with which the private
sector deals but with previously

unfixed price -- *ghina* and
halaweh with pistachios.

Mr. Saqqaf said that compared
to previous orders, there are
commodities whose prices have
gone down, such as fresh meat,
while others have had their prices
increased. These latter are those
produced and dealt with by the
private sector. They include chem-
ical detergents, dairy products and
plain *halaweh*.

The amendments to the prices
were made on the recom-
mendations of a committee rep-
resenting the Ministry of Supply,
the General Federation of Trade
Unions, the Ministry of Industry
and Trade, the chambers of indus-
try and commerce and the Minis-
try of Finance and Customs. The
committee was formed by the
prime minister following com-
plaints by producers and impor-
ters that the prices fixed by the
Ministry of Supply were too low.

Mr. Saqqaf noted that the gov-
ernment now subsidises three
major commodities: bread, for
which the government subsidises
50 per cent of the prices of wheat;
and flour and sugar, which the
government subsidises by JD 50
per tonne.

The government also subsidises
the price of meat by JD 500,000 a
year.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	100	1,600	1,600	1,600
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	1,950	2,920	2,920	2,920
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	29153	1,530	1,530	1,530
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	10080	2,000	2,000	2,000
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	1500	1,340	1,340	1,340
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	100	17,000	16,150	16,150
Arab Bank Co.	JD 10,000	50	104,730	104,730	104,730
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5,000	695	16,000	15,600	16,000
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	90	12,500	12,500	12,500
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	460	3,900	3,900	3,900
Jordan General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	10437	2,990	2,990	2,990
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	200	1,350	1,350	1,350
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 1,000	3000	1,000	0,980	0,980
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 5,000	37	28,000	27,000	27,000
Jerusalem Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	200	1,530	1,530	1,530
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	135	5,050	5,050	5,050
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	36751	2,130	2,090	2,090
Arab Finance Corporation	JD 1,000	8850	0,990	0,990	0,990
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 10,000	30	11,900	11,900	11,900
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 1,000	785	3,100	3,100	3,100
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 10,000	600	20,760	20,760	20,760
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	120	1,030	1,030	1,030
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 1,000	500	1,190	1,190	1,190
	JD 1,000	250	2,210	2,210	2,210
	JD 5,000	3722	10,000	9,500	9,500

Total Volume Traded on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1980: JD 266,470

Total number of shares traded: 109,795

Government Development Bonds

Year of Maturity	Par Value	Number Traded	Volume Traded	High	Low
1982	JD 5,000	200	1002	5,010	5,010

TODAY'S WEATHER LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

There will be a slight increase in
temperature, with appearance of
medium and high clouds. Winds
will be southerly moderate. In
Aqaba, there will be northerly,
moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
	low	high
Amman	5	13
Aqaba	9	22
Deserts	4	17
Jordan Valley	10	21

U.S. dollar	293.50/295.50
U.K. sterling	676.40/680.40
West German mark	168.80/169.80
Swiss franc	181.60/182.70
French franc	72.10/72.50
Italian lire	36.40/36.60
(for every 100)	
Japanese yen	121.60/122.30
(for every 100)	
Dutch guilder	153.10/154.00
Belgium franc	103.90/104.50
Swedish crown	70.70/71.10

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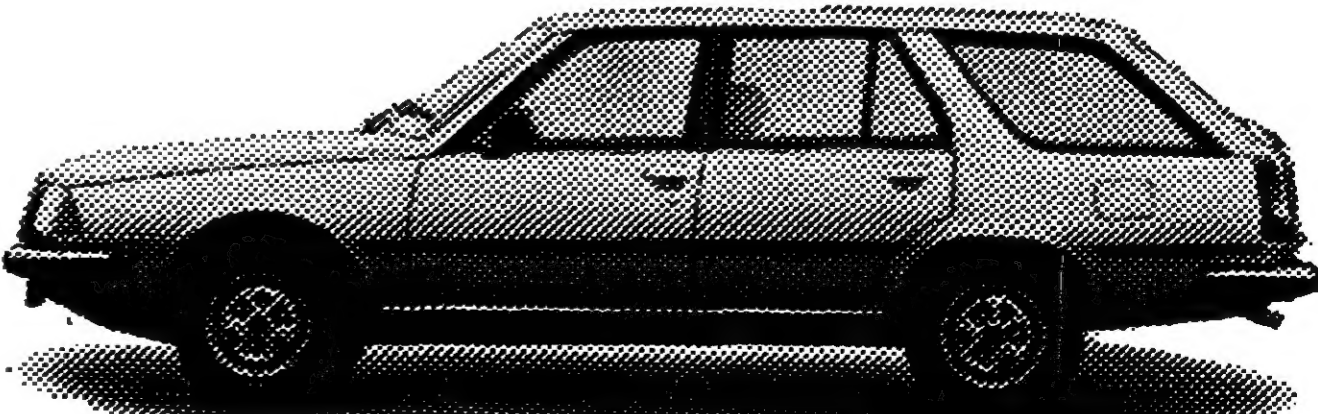
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JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Olympic hockey matches begin

LAKE PLACID, Feb. 12 (R) — Olympic ice hockey matches mark the official opening of the Olympic Winter Games here today with the favourites for the medals playing in three of the six games. Soviet Union, gold medalists in the past four Olympics, play Japan in a feature match after Czechoslovakia, considered next best, play Norway and Sweden play the U.S.

While the results of the Soviet and Czechoslovak games are almost considered foregone conclusions, the meeting between the Swedes and Americans could give a strong indication of the event's final medal standings. "We're not conceding a thing to them," American coach Herb Brooks said on the eve of his team's confrontation with Sweden — after he named the Russians and Czechs as the ones to beat for the gold. He said his team—the youngest here—will need "poise, patience and confidence" to beat the experienced Swedes. But an additional asset will be the thousands of fans expected to fill most of 8,000 seats in the main Olympic arena.

The Russians are expected to have little trouble against the smaller and less experienced Japanese—or against anyone else as they march towards their fifth gold medal in five years. U.S. coach Brooks could have been speaking for all the teams yesterday when he said: "We're not worried about beating the Russians—there are very few teams in the world who can beat them." Certainly there is none that can win consistently.

Czechoslovakia, who took the silver medal behind the Soviet union four years ago at Innsbruck, are probably the team that could best achieve the unthinkable upset. Like the Russians, they are fast skaters and pin-point passers with a wealth of experience in international competition. In other opening games, Canada play The Netherlands, West Germany face Romania and Finland meet Poland.

Kenyans triumph in Australia

ADELAIDE, Australia Feb. 12 (AP)—The Kenyan athletic team successfully completed their Australian tour, breaking two Australian records at last night's Adelaide International Games. Henry Rono, 22, broke the Australian Open 3000 metres steeplechase record, previously held by Olympic silver medalist Bronislaw Malpowski of Poland, by 3.6 seconds. The expected contest between Rono and 25-year-old Australian champion Peter Larkins of Victoria did not develop. Exhibiting a characteristic of most Kenyan athletes, Rono set a near-suicidal early pace in the seven and a half lap, 35-hurdle event. The little Commonwealth champion held world record schedule for the first three laps and fell away towards the end but still finished 50 metres in front of Larkins. When asked why he had set such a pace, Rono com-

plained that officials were not giving lap times and "I didn't know how fast I was running." Larkins, Melbourne doctor, who 19 days ago set the Australian national record here was disappointed at his time. "I blew an Australian Olympic qualifying time on the second last lap when my legs kept buckling," he said. Larkins flew home over the last with a time of 62 seconds—five seconds faster than the Kenyan's last lap. Commenting on Rono's early pace Larkins said: "It would have been suicidal to go with him."

Brilliant 26-year-old Kenyan James Mainu won his 42 consecutive international race. His time equalled the Australian record but was 1.7 seconds slower than his best.

World 470 Yachting Championship

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil, Feb. 12 (R) — David Ullman and partner Tom Linskey of the United States took the overall lead in the World 470 Yachting Championship here yesterday after winning the second regatta and coming second in the third. The third regatta, raced in good conditions with winds blowing from 11 to 15 knots, was won by the West German brothers Johan and Stefan Oetken. The British team of Anthony Wetherell and Mark Simpson pulled out of the third event with the former complaining of an upset stomach. Organisers said he was not seriously ill.

Leading third regatta positions were:

1. Johan and Stefan Oetken (W. Germany)
2. David Ullman and Tom Linskey (U.S.)
3. Shimon Brockman and Ietan Friedlander (Israel)
4. Stephane Richer and Philippe Chaudé (France)
5. Wolfgang Hunger and Niels Korte (W. Germany)

Leading overall standings were:

1. David Ullman/Tom Linskey, 8.7 points.
2. Laurent Delage/Herve Wattine, 34.
3. Stephane Richer/Philippe Chaudé, 40.
4. Lawrence Smith/Andrew Barker, 44.
5. Hied Johan/Stefan Oetken and Sergio Montau/Julio Weder (Brazil), 47.

Polish climbers assault Mt. Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal, Feb. 12 (AP)—Three members of the Polish Everest expedition team pitched their fourth high altitude camp Monday on the south col in a bid to conquer the world's tallest peak, the Nepalese Tourism Ministry officially announced yesterday. Three members of the group consisting of Lipchy Leytek, 21, engineer, Flut Walenty, 32, student, and Wietlicki Kreyzstof, 29, also an engineer, are resting at the south col camp pitched at a height of 7,996 metres.

Keegan signs with Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Feb. 12 (R) — Kevin Keegan surprised the soccer world yesterday when he agreed to join English First Division side Southampton from West German champions Hamburg. Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy announced his sporting coup at the club's headquarters here and added: "It's a bigger day than our cup final win in 1976 because the signing of Keegan represents progress. The England captain and European footballer of the year will cost Southampton about £400,000 and is expected to arrive at his new club when his contract with Hamburg ends on June 30."

Keegan, 29 this month, sat beside Hamburg general manager Gunter Netzer and a smiling McMenemy as the transfer was made known. Keegan said: "There has been a lot of speculation about my future but I want to play for England in the World Cup and I think it best that I play in English football."

The first match Keegan plays for his new team could well be against Hamburg, the club he is leaving. Hamburg president Wolfgang Klein said in Hamburg yesterday that the £400,000 his club will receive for Keegan's transfer will be boosted by the gate money from a friendly match in Hamburg next August against Southampton. Klein said the concluding transfer negotiations took place in Keegan's Hamburg home and lasted three and a half

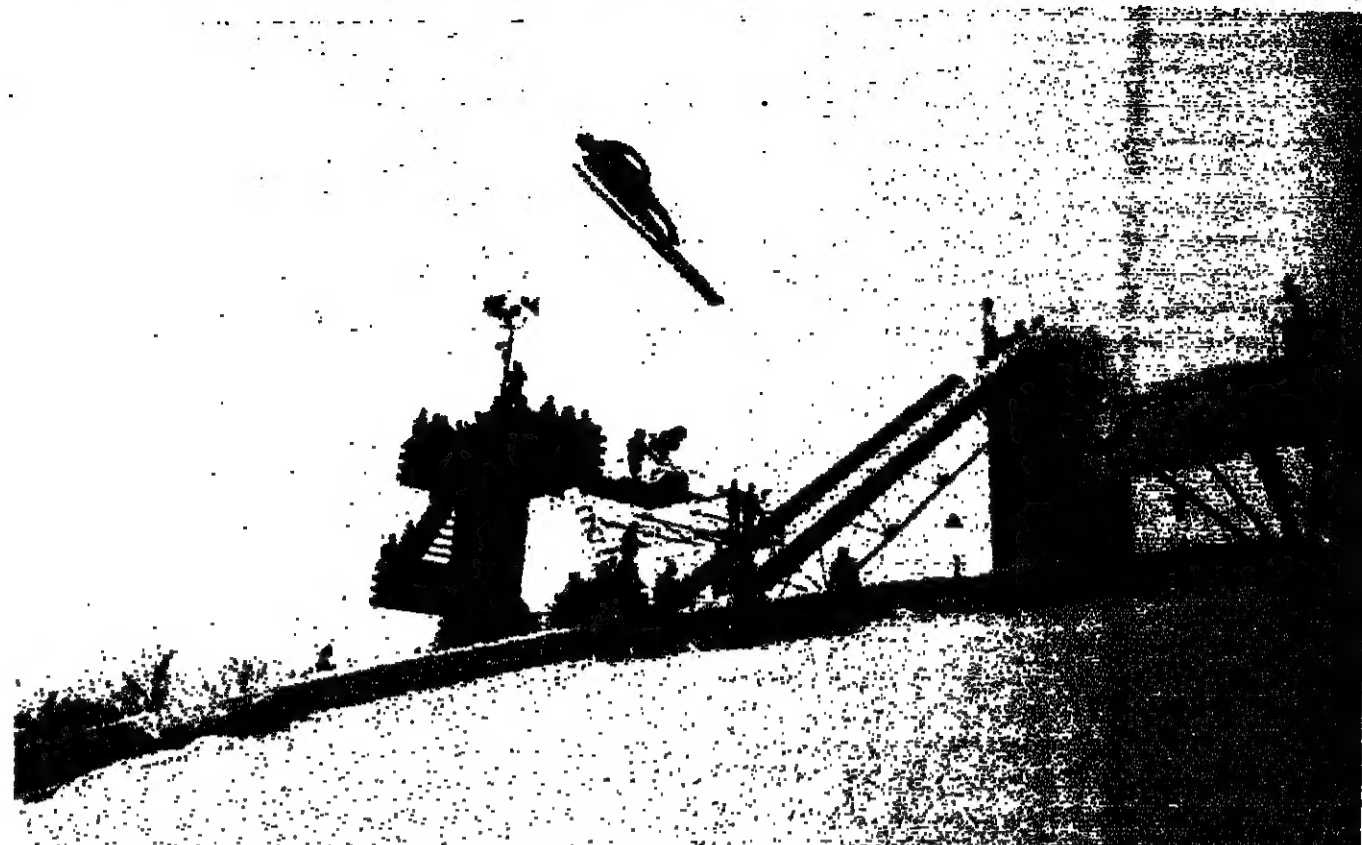
hours. "It was the best result we could achieve."

Hamburg coach Branko Zebec said: "I had only a 10 per cent hope that Keegan would stay. Now we will have to replace him. The club and the fans cannot be allowed to suffer because of going." Keegan was the driving force behind Hamburg's title win last year, when he became West Germany's most successful player and earned the nickname "Mighty Mouse". Hamburg currently tops the league, but competition this season is fierce. Only goal difference separates the north German from Bayern Munich and Cologne, who have not looked since signing English striker Tony Woodcock from Nottingham Forest earlier this season.

Squash championship results

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Feb. 12 (R) — Quarter-finals in the International Squash Players' Association Championships last night:

Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) beat Ali Aziz (Egypt) 9-3, 9-1, 9-2, 9-7; Gogi Alauddin (Pakistan) beat Hild Fisker (Denmark) 5-9, 9-4, 9-7, 9-4; and Masood Ahmed (Pakistan) beat Bruce Brownlee (New Zealand) 9-4, 9-3, 9-1.



A competitor soars off the 90-metre tower during pre-Olympic trials at Intervale, site of the ski jumping events of the 1980 Winter Games at Lake Placid, New York. In background is the ICA tower. (ICA photo)

Games at Lake Placid, New York. In background is the ICA tower. (ICA photo)

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tic infusion pump, designed and developed by doctors at St. Mary's Hospital, will make difficult births help prevent unnecessary suffering to babies by over-oxytocin, the drug commonly used to induce labour, and "Uterine Activity Integral Control", seen in the d at St. Mary's are an important advance in natal care ad in conjunction with a fetal monitor. Both are now unafactured by a British company. (COI photo)

CAST FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13, 1980

YOUR DAILY horoscope

the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Considerable confusion led thinking exists later in the day, so make a nake important decisions earlier. You begin to clearly after relaxing in the evening.
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Go to the right sources for ou need. Don't take advice from those who are ant of all the facts.
(Apr. 20 to May 20) Obtain important infor- out a project you are interested in before you go b definite plans. Use your wisdom.
(May 21 to June 21) If you handle routine a more up-to-date way, you get more benefits. ew plan before making any changes.
(June 22 to July 21) Don't neglect work early in the day. Try to cooperate more prkers. Strive for more harmony.
(July 22 to Aug. 21) Take care you don't take on expenditures of money in the evening. Allow, gage in creative activity.
(Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Postpone going ahead interest you have in mind and wait until a bet- evening is fine for recreation.
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Improve the foundation of so you can have added abundance in the days rid of annoying conditions.
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Iron out any problems 's in a quiet and tactful manner. Seek the com- genials in the evening.
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have to use ight in handling monetary affairs today. Use tive faculties for best results.
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Use a different at- andling a puzzling situation and you get better lax in the company of good friends tonight.
(Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have hidden at need more study before you pursue them. increased happiness.
(Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Some of your friends may ems so be sure to give a helping hand. Show have practical wisdom.



JUMBLE.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DABNY
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

ACOOC
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

VRILED
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

ZAMONA
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

WHAT THE INCOM-
PETENT EMPLOYEE
AT THE BEAN
FACTORY GOT.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TYING SAVOR PAUNCH OBTUSE
Answer: What the audience began to do when the ham magician put on his "disappearing act"—VANISH

THE Daily Crossword

by Margaret W. Jugs

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|--------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| ACROSS | 26 | Something for baby | 52 | Clayey earth | 24 | Goatee, for one | |
| 1 | Often gifts for men | 29 | Certain fishing equipment | 53 | Busy one | 25 | — Ever |
| 5 | Blackboard | 32 | Novel | 56 | Seasonal songs | 26 | Need is You |
| 10 | Gloomy covering | 33 | Character | 60 | Top-notch | 27 | Scorch |
| 14 | Candy or crystal | 34 | Hackneyed | 61 | Watch | 28 | Well-known uncle |
| 15 | Inclined | 36 | "We wish you —" | 62 | Where 52 D came from | 29 | Common contraction |
| 16 | Butterine | 40 | Stocking mishap | 63 | Regretful one | 30 | Clear sky |
| 17 | "I'm dream- ing of —" | 41 | Kind of seal | 64 | Fruitcake piece | 31 | Heavy reading |
| 20 | Big name in China, once | 42 | Bataan native | 65 | Seasonal decoration | 32 | Torrent |
| 21 | Actress Sommer | 43 | Chief | DOWN | | 33 | Beat it! |
| 22 | Stingers | 45 | Thurbie | 1 | Trolley | 34 | Powerful person |
| 23 | Food for Dobbin | 47 | Par | 2 | Where tall corn grows | 37 | Banks (on) |
| 24 | Fisherman's need | 48 | Cheat | 3 | She loved Narcissus | 38 | New Haven school |
| | | 49 | Produce | 4 | Compete in winter Olympics | 39 | War vehicle |
| | | | | 5 | Lithe | 40 | More testy |
| | | | | 6 | Hair | 41 | Fitzgerald |
| | | | | 7 | Have a longish partner | 42 | Fundamental |
| | | | | 8 | Wallach | 43 | Precipice |
| | | | | 9 | Spud | 44 | Command- ment word |
| | | | | 10 | Charity | 45 | English composer |
| | | | | 11 | — year | 46 | 51 |
| | | | | 12 | Red ink item | 47 | 52 |
| | | | | 13 | Steals | 48 | 53 |
| | | | | 14 | Reputation | 49 | 54 |
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| | | | | | | 60 | 65 |

Peanuts

IT'S A VALENTINE'S DAY DISCO DANCE, CHUCK

AND YOU WANT ME TO FIX YOU UP WITH A DATE?

THAT'S RIGHT, CHUCK... I'D ASK YOU, BUT I KNOW YOU CAN'T DANCE... AND BY THE WAY, DON'T SEND YOUR CRAZY DOG!

RATS! I LOVE DISCO!

Andy Capp

GLAD TO SEE JULIE'S GOT A STEADY AT LAST — GOOD LOOKIN' LAD

NICELY MANNERED, TOO —

WHEN SHE DROPPED HER LIGHTER —

NOTICE 'OW I'VE KICKED IT OVER TO 'ER?

Mutt 'n' Jeff

JEFF AT HOME, IN FRONT OF MY WIFE YOU HAD TO ASK, MUTT, DID YOU HAVE ANY LUCK WITH MILLIE?

YOU KNOW I DON'T WANT MY WIFE TO KNOW I BET ON HORSES!

OH, DON'T WORRY, MUTT! LATER I REALIZED WHAT I SAID SO I FIXED IT!

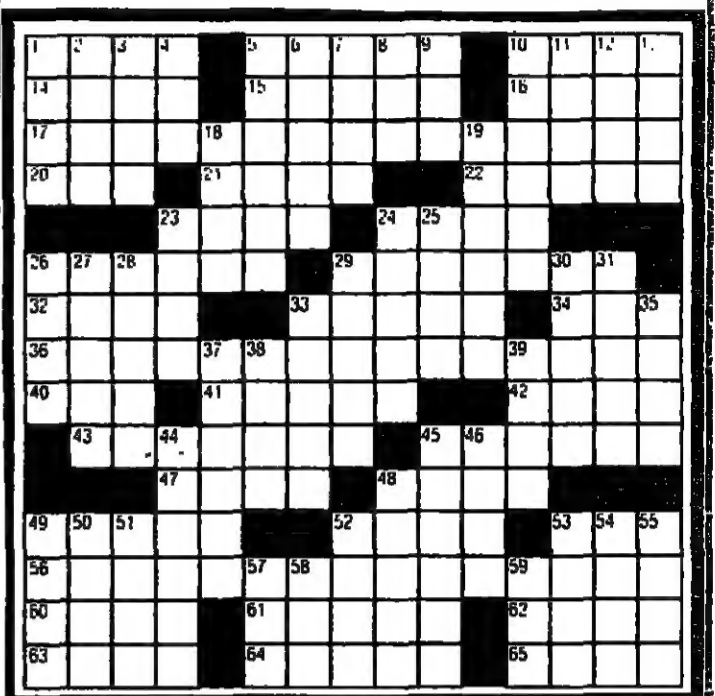
I SAID, "MRS. MUTT, I HOPE I DIDN'T MISLEAD YOU— MILLIE ISN'T A HORSE! YOU KNOW SHE'S A BAR MAID!"

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THE BETTER HALF

By Vinson



REN BRIDGE

AS E. GOREN
AND SEARF
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vulnerable, as old:
J10632 ♦K6 ♦7
hand opponent bidding with one t action do you

vulnerable, as old:
♦QJ962 ♦872
as the bidding trump. What do

outh, vulnerable,
7 ♦AK108 ♦K6
ir opening bid?

vulnerable, as old:
652 ♦764 ♦K3
as proceeded:
North East
2 ♦ Pass
4 ♦ Pass
5 ♦ Pass

do you take?

Q.5—As South, vulnerable with 60 on score, you hold:
♦KQ83 ♥J105 ♦K9 ♦QJ93
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 NT Pass Pass 2 ♦
Pass 3 ♦ ?
What action do you take?

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦1094 ♥A6 ♦QJ10 ♦AK966
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
1 NT Pass 2 ♦ Pass
?
What action do you take?

Q.7—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♥95 ♦AK654 ♦Q632
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♦ 2 ♥ ?
What action do you take?

Q.8—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦J764 ♥6 ♦872 ♦KQ763
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
3 NT Pass ?
What action do you take?

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5:45 Cartoons	9:45 News in French
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6:30 Local programme	8:30 Comedy
7:10 Return to Peyton Place	9:10 A horseman riding by
8:00 News in Arabic	10:00 News in English
8:30 Arabic series	10:15 Elchad
9:40 Local programme	
10:15 Elchad	
11:10 News in Arabic	

EMERGENCIES

Doctors:	Al Sabagh (23157)
Ambulance:	Al Taj (71050)
Russian (Tel. 3719075628)	John Sim
Nazari Al Sukkar (3600644606)	Abu Leil
Irish:	Tamir
Almad Bushayr (3925)	Asfour (23230)
Zargu:	Khaldi (23715)
Sarkat Shajrawi (8303881795)	Al Shaid (21091)
Pharmacies:	Rasta (25095)
Ambulance:	
Abu Ghazal (25260)	

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GMT	13:30 Speak to Us of Love
04:00 Newsweek	14:15 Report on Britain
04:30 Sounds that Sold a Million	14:30 Off the Record
04:45 Financial News: Reflections	15:00 Radio Newswest
05:00 News: 24 Hours	15:15 Outlook
05:30 Nature Notebook	16:00 News: Commentary
06:45 The World Today	16:15 Land and People
06:50 Newsweek	16:45 The World Today
07:00 Jazz for the Asking	17:00 News: Book Choice
07:30 Young Single Mothers	17:15 The Life and Times of the Orchestra
08:00 News: Reflections	17:45 Sports Round-Up
08:30 News: British Press Review	18:00 News: News about Britain
08:45 The World Today	18:15 Radio Newswest
09:00 Financial News: Look Ahead	18:30 News: 24 Hours
09:45 Tony Moya Request Show	19:00 Outlook
10:15 Taken at the Flood	19:30 Stock Market Report
10:30 John Peel	19:45 Report on Religion
11:00 News: News about Britain	20:00 News: 24 Hours
11:05 Take One	20:30 Into the Eighties
11:30 Farming World	21:00 Network U.K.
12:00 Radio Newswest	21:15 Nature Notebook
12:15 Thirty Minute Theatre	21:30 Talkabout
12:45 Sports Round-up	22:00 News: The World Today
13:00 News: 24 Hours	22:25 Book Choice: Financial News
	22:40 Reflections
	22:45 Sports Round-up
	23:00 News: Commentary

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign on	14:10 Music
7:01 Morning Show	14:30 French Music
7:30 News Bulletin	15:00 Concert Hour
7:40 Morning Show	16:00 News Summary
10:00 News Headlines	16:05 Easy Listening
10:03 Morning Show	16:30 Old Favorites
10:30 30 Minute Theatre	17:00 David Copperfield
11:00 Signing off	17:30 Radiochance
12:00 Sign on and News Headlines	18:00 News Summary
12:03 Radiochance	18:05 Phs of the Week
13:00 News Summary	19:00 News Bulletin
13:03 Radiochance	19:10 News Reports
14:00 News Bulletin	19:30 Sign off

AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS:	DEPARTURES:
7:45 Doha, Kuwait	7:30 Beirut
7:50 Cairo (EA)	8:00 Alpha
8:25 Doha (AZ)	8:45 Beirut (MEA)
9:00 Jeddah	8:55 Cairo (EA)
9:55 Alpha	9:25 Rome (AZ)
10:00 Doha, Abu Dhabi (RJ GF)	10:00 Athens, Amsterdam (KLM)
10:00 Beirut	11:00 Benghazi
12:05 Kuwait (KAC)	12:00 London
13:00 Bucharest, Larnaca (Taroni)	13:00 Cairo
13:30 Baghdad (IA)	14:00 Kuwait (KAC)
14:00 Jeddah (SDI)	14:15 Larnaca, Bucharest (Taroni)
16:20 Larnaca (CY)	14:30 Baghdad (IA)
17:40 Brussels, Geneva	15:00 Athens (SDI)
18:15 Cairo	15:05 Larnaca (CY)
18:30 Benghazi	16:30 Cairo
18:45 Copenhagen, Athm	20:30 Doha, Rav Al Khura
19:00 Cairo	21:30 Kuwait
19:45 Beirut (MEA)	22:00 Baghdad
21:30 Frankfurt, Munich, Damascus (LH)	22:30 Doha, Moscow (RJ GF)
21:45 London (BA)	22:45 Rostov (BA)
06:45 Cairo	

VOICE OF AMERICA

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05:30 The Breakfast Show:	reports, opinion,
06:30 News, pop music,	analyses.
features, interviews,	
questions.	
17:00 News Roundup:	19:30 VOA Magazine:
reports, opinion,	American, science,
analyses.	culture, letters.
17:30 Classical	20:00 Special English: news
18:00 Special English: news,	20:15 Music USA (Jazz)
feature "Space and	21:00 VOA World Report
Man."	22:00 News, Correspondents'
18:30 Non Music USA	reports, background
	features, media
	comments, analyses.

CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

American Centre	Tel. 41520
British Council	36147-8
French Cultural Centre	27009
Goethe Institute	31998
Soviet Cultural Centre	44203
Spanish Cultural Centre	24049
Haya Arts Centre	65195
Hussein Youth City	67161
Y.W.C.A.	41293
Y.W.M.C.A.	42251
Amman Municipal Library	36111
University of Jordan Library	65111
Cinzel Museum	36191
Falshere Museum	36191

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 73111
Civil defence rescue	24391-4
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36881-3
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	39141
Najshah towing patrol rescue police (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergencies	21111, 37777
Airport information (ALIA)	52205
Jordan Television	73111
Radio, English Section	74134
Firstaid, fire, police	19
Fire headquarters	22990

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Hama Theatre	Tel. 226-448
Al Shab Art Gallery	228-527
American Centre	552-562
Arabic Cultural Centre	333-757
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	557-901
British Cultural Centre	333-594
Deutsch Demokratische Republik Cultural Centre	333-852
French Cultural Centre	330-044
Kabbani Theatre	222-016
National Museum	114-854
Soviet Cultural Centre	333-403
Spanish Cultural Centre	334-619
Umma Art Gallery	111-318
Zahraia Public Library	224-954
West German Cultural Institute	

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 90
Chamber of Commerce	118-330
Electric Power Co. (repair)	223-887
Fire headquarters	9
Information	9
Municipal water service	113-500

ICIDI calls for summit to draft guides for cooperation between rich, poor nations

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 12 (R) — An international commission headed by former West German chancellor Willy Brandt today called for a world summit to draft guidelines for cooperation between industrialised and developing nations.

The summit, limited to about 25 participants, would concentrate on working out an emergency programme for the years 1980 to 1985 and discuss other proposals in the commission's report, entitled "North-South: a programme for survival."

The Independent Commission on International Development Issues (ICIDI) was established in 1977, at the suggestion of World Bank President Robert McNamara, to study the economic and social disparities between developed and developing countries and to suggest solutions.

Its 21 members included former British prime minister Edward Heath, former Swedish premier Olof Palme, former Chilean president Eduardo Frei, Indonesian Vice-President Adam Malik, and Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal of Guyana.

The commission said a summit was necessary to break a deadlock between the rich and poor countries, and concluded: "The search for solutions is not an act of benevolence but a condition of mutual survival."

The commission's proposals

include the creation under United Nations auspices of a global energy research centre to coordinate information and to support research on new energy resources.

A copy of the 304-page report was today presented to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who has himself frequently urged the establishment of an energy institute.

The report calls for reform of the world monetary system, including creation of an international currency for settling outstanding balances between central banks.

Such a currency would replace the use of national currencies as international reserves and could take the form of an improved special drawing right (SDR), the commission says.

It also urges greater participation by the developing countries in the staffing, management and decision-making of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The commission's emergency programme, for the period 1980-1985, calls for:

— A large-scale transfer of resources to help the poorest countries and regions most seri-



Willy Brandt

ously threatened by the current economic crisis. The panel estimated that various sources could provide an additional flow of funds to the developing world through public channels totalling some \$50 to \$60 billion by 1985.

— An international energy strategy designed to ensure regular supplies of oil, rigorous conservation, more predictable and gradual price increases in real terms, and development of alternative and renewable energy sources.

— A global food programme aimed at increased food production, especially in the Third World; regular supplies of food, including increased emergency food aid; a system for international long-term food security.

— A start on reform of the international economic system, including steps towards an effective international monetary and financial system in which all parties can participate more fully; and acceleration of efforts to improve developing countries' conditions of trade in commodities and manufactures.

Introducing the report at a press conference, Mr. Brandt agreed with a questioner that the crisis over Soviet intervention in Afghanistan would impede efforts to get the Soviet bloc to play a bigger role in helping poor countries.

But, he added, the issue would remain and would have to be dealt with.

On the proposal for a summit meeting, representing most of the major world groupings, to discuss North-South differences, the report says: "We believe the present deadlock is so serious, and the need to break through is so evident, that nothing should delay discussion and negotiations at the highest level. We hope that a summit could enable political leaders to take the first steps towards committing themselves and their people to a global agreement for the benefit of the whole world."

"Whatever their differences and however profound, there is a mutuality of interest between North and South. The fate of both is intimately connected. The search for solutions is not an act of benevolence but a condition of mutual survival."

But continues support for Olympics boycott

Australia lifts ban on sale of strategic mineral to USSR

CANBERRA, Feb. 12 (R) — The Australian Government today lifted a ban on the sale to the Soviet Union of a strategic mineral used in the manufacture of missiles.

The ban involving the mineral rutile was imposed two weeks ago in protest against the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Trade and Resources Minister Doug Anthony announced the lifting of the ban after a cabinet meeting addressed by Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, who had just returned from talks in the United States and Europe on the Afghan issue.

Mr. Anthony said: "The government's examination of this matter indicates that the Soviet Union is not dependent on imports for strategic materials and that it would have little difficulty finding other suppliers to replace Australia."

Rutile is a basic source of titanium, the tough, light metal used in missiles, submarines and aircraft.

During his trip, Mr. Fraser met President Jimmy Carter, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

Mr. Fraser announced on the eve of his departure on Jan. 28 that the government had sus-

pended the sale by an Australian company of 2,000 tonnes of rutile to the Soviet Union because of the Afghan crisis. The government controls the sale of raw materials through export licences.

Mr. Fraser also ordered that a review should be made of strategic materials such as uranium, bauxite and aluminium that might be banned for export to the Soviet Union.

Mr. Anthony's statement said: "After considering the review, the government has decided that exports of these raw materials to the Soviet Union should continue normally."

He said the decision was made after taking into account the attitude of countries like the United States, the effectiveness of a raw materials embargo and the effect of a possible ban on the world market.

The Australian Government has taken a hard line towards the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, supporting President Carter's calls for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

On his return to Australia today, Mr. Fraser said the government was keen to convince Olympic officials that they should not send teams to Moscow. "Certainly we will be seeking to persuade, and seeking to persuade as hard as we can," Mr. Fraser said.

Italy faced with renewed pressures to bring down ruling minority coalition

ROME, Feb. 12 (R) — Italy is entering another period of political instability amid renewed pressures to bring down the fragile minority coalition of Christian Democratic Premier Francesco Cossiga.

The Christian Democrats' long-awaited congress opens on Friday and appears certain to reaffirm the rejection by the country's biggest party of a demand by the second-ranking Communists, now in opposition, for cabinet posts in an emergency government.

This would be likely to spur the third-place Socialists into dropping their policy of keeping the Cossiga coalition alive by abstaining on key votes in parliament. The Socialists agreed to this in order to end a six-month-long crisis last August. They had previously called for a national government, including the Communists.

The Christian Democrats start

their congress divided into three groups, each with a different attitude to the Communists.

On the left, with about 41 per cent of the delegates, are supporters of outgoing party secretary Mr. Benigno Zaccagnini and former premier Mr. Giulio Andreotti, both prepared for some form of concession to the Communists.

On the right, with 32 per cent of the delegates, are supporters of former premier Mr. Amintore Fanfani, former industry minister Mr. Carlo Donat Cattin and others, all strongly opposed to any concessions.

In the middle, with 23 per cent, is a faction of political pragmatists, opposed to concessions to the Communists now but open to the possibility at some time in the future.

The right and centre, with 55 per cent of delegate strength, will block any possible move to open the doors of government to the

Communists at the congress.

The congress is likely to divide over a left-wing bid to have the party declare it has no overriding objections in principle to forming a government with the Communists—even though this might not take place immediately.

A debate is also likely on whether the party should drop its long-standing ban on coalitions between Christian Democrats and Communists in regional and local governments.

Mr. Andreotti has said he sees nothing wrong with such a change.

There will probably also be a fight over the election of a new party secretary with the pragmatists in the centre proposing a deal with one of their leaders, Mr. Flaminio Piccoli, as secretary and Mr. Andreotti as party president. But Mr. Donat Cattin, who has called Mr. Andreotti "opportunistically philo-communist," will strongly oppose this, planning to nominate Premier Cossiga as secretary.

After the congress it will be up to the Socialists to decide whether or not to end the Cossiga coalition by withdrawing their indirect backing of Italy's 37th post-war government.

Moderate party secretary Mr. Bettino Craxi, believed to have ambitions to become premier himself, says he wants to avoid a crisis as no negotiated solution is in sight.

But leftist deputy secretary Mr. Claudio Signorile has called for a crisis to force the Christian Democrats into accepting a deal with the Communists immediately after the congress.

As for the Communists, they are holding to their policy of remaining in opposition until given a firm commitment by the Christian Democrats that they are acceptable coalition partners.

The Communists, who consistently lost votes while propping up Mr. Andreotti's minority Christian Democratic government from 1976 to 1978, are hoping that their opposition status will help them in local elections in June.

Tito remains in serious condition

BELGRADE, Feb. 12 (R) — President Tito remained in serious condition today with heart and kidney troubles following the amputation of his left leg last month, official sources said.

The sources said that the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader spent a quiet night and slept well, but his condition was unchanged.

Last night his doctors reported that in addition to kidney and digestive problems disclosed on Sunday, he had developed heart trouble.

His terse bulletin gave few details, but it caused mounting anxiety in Yugoslavia, which President Tito has ruled virtually unchallenged for nearly four decades. He is president for life of the state and ruling Communist Party.

The bulletin said: "In the treatment of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito, difficulties in connection with the function of the kidneys are still present. Treatment has been made more difficult because of certain signs of heart weakness. The necessary medical measures are being undertaken."

The Yugoslav authorities appeared to be keen to keep the situation cool and there were no signs of special security measures or military alert, as happened at the time of the amputation on Jan. 20.

Western diplomats were struck by the timing of an announcement that Prime Minister Veselin Djuranovic was leaving for a three-day official visit to East Germany tomorrow. The visit had been pending but no specific date had been announced until today.

"Quite clearly, the authorities are out to allay any immediate fears about the danger of death in the near future," said one senior Western diplomat.

The announcement of new complications hampering the president's recovery after the amputation came as a surprise to most Yugoslavs. They had been led to believe that he was making a



President Tito

swift recovery and had a part of his official functions in his hospital bed.

His illness has come at a particularly worrying time for a communist but non-aligned Yugoslavia, which is concerned about mounting East-West tensions over Soviet armed intervention in Afghanistan.

Yugoslavia, which broke the Soviet bloc in 1948 sharply condemned the intervention and feared that it might represent a precedent for interference in this country in a post-Tito era.

President Tito's senior policy adviser Milos Minić clear warning yesterday that Yugoslavia would repel any on its independence or not tolerate any interference from external forces.

He said his country was any return to the "law of jungle" in international relations but was in a position to defend itself without any outside help.

Deputy Foreign Minister Milorad Petic paid a previously announced visit to Moscow this week to discuss the Afghan issue, and Yugoslav press reports clearly that there were mutual differences between the two countries.

World News Briefs

ROME, Feb. 12 (R) — A leading Italian magistrate was shot today on the Rome University campus, police said. He was identified as Vittorio Bachelet, 53, vice-president of the supreme council of Italian magistrature. Three masked attackers ambushed Mr. Bachelet on a stairway in the university's political sciences faculty.

NICOSIA, Feb. 12 (R) — Secondary school teachers in the Cypriot-controlled sector of Cyprus began an indefinite strike causing nearly 40,000 pupils to stay at home. The teachers' action said the strike was to protest against the government's failure to agree to job evaluation. Members claim that civil servants' same qualifications are better treated than teachers.

ANKARA, Feb. 12 (R) — Work will start later this year on a bridge linking Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus straits, Minister of Public Works Selahattin Kilic said. Speaking in budget debate in parliament last night, Mr. Kilic said the studies were also under way for a railway tunnel under the Bosphorus. The studies would take three years. After centuries of boat traffic across the Bosphorus, the first road bridge between continents was opened in 1973.

PARIS, Feb. 12 (R) — A fake plumber walked into the 100-year-old retired American architect and left with a \$5 million and five other paintings valued at two million francs (S. police said today. The architect, Mr. Andre Kahn, told a man said he had come to check if there was sand in the wall. The paintings included a Holbein and others by Dutch 18th-century masters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (R) — U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown said last night he was reasonably optimistic that the United States would be able to use military bases in pro-Western Middle East countries in times of crisis.

But he refused to confirm or deny a New York Times report that agreement had already been reached for emergency use of bases in Oman, Kenya and Somalia.

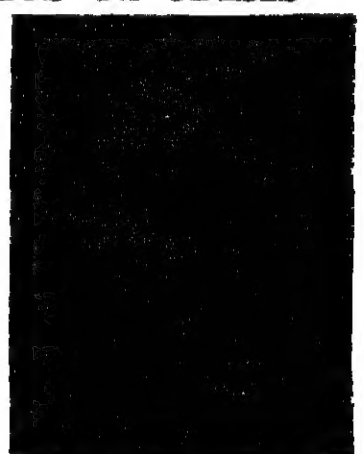
"We have been negotiating with several countries in the region to provide access to their facilities in times of crisis and to allow visits in peacetime," Mr. Brown said on ABC television.

These negotiations have been reaching full fruition, but I think it is premature to say how they have come out. I am reasonably optimistic that we will be able to make arrangements for access."

On a New York Times report that Saudi Arabia had agreed to allow U.S. military equipment to be stored there, he said: "I don't want to comment or confirm or deny statements about individual countries."

Mr. Brown told the television interviewer he believed the Soviet Union would soon launch a "peace offensive" in Afghanistan to impress world opinion.

In Singapore, Admiral Robert



Secretary Harold Brown

Long, commander in chief of U.S. forces in the Pacific, said today the United States had adequate military strength in Southwest Asia, including the Indian Ocean, to face any Soviet challenge.

He told a press conference that the United States had already moved two carrier battle groups to the Arabian Sea following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

"We have also shifted naval forces, including a nuclear-powered battle group, from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean," he added.

He said the United States was seeking more base facilities in the Middle East.



Mr. Heinrichsohn (left) and Mr. Hagen (centre) are shown entering court yesterday prior to their verdict. Mr. Lischka is already seated at bottom right. (AP wirephoto)

Three former gestapo men sentenced for complicity in murder of thousands

COLOGNE, West Germany, Feb. 12 (R) — A West German court sentenced three former Gestapo men yesterday to jail sentences ranging up to 12 years for complicity in murdering thousands of Jews and communists deported from wartime France.

The 12-year term went to Herbert-Martin Hagen, 66, who had been personal assistant to the SS police chief in France and head of a department in the Paris Gestapo.

Kurt Lischka, 70, one-time Gestapo chief in Paris, and Ernst Heinrichsohn, 59, who worked in the Gestapo's Jewish affairs department in Paris, were jailed for ten and six years respectively.

The court had heard that some 35,000 of the deportees — old people, invalids and children — were taken straight to the gas chambers of Auschwitz and other death camps in Nazi-occupied Poland.

All three defendants denied knowing what was happening to the deportees. The defendants sat with heads bowed for most of the judge's final statement.

Each of the defendants — who pursued successful business careers in post-war West Germany — had been sentenced by French courts in the 1950s. Mr. Heinrichsohn to death and the others to life imprisonment. But West German law prevented them from being extradited to France and for many years blocked a retrial in this country.

It was only in 1975, after widespread publicity for the cases of Mr. Lischka and others, that West Germany ratified a legal accord with France which opened the way for the case to be heard here.

By a strange twist of fate, the courthouse where Mr. Lischka and the others faced trial is only a few paces from the former Gestapo headquarters in Cologne where Mr. Lischka had his office.

By Brian Mooney

WARSAW—Poland's Communist Party has been gearing up for its eighth post-war congress in a mood of outward confidence which barely conceals national gloom about immediate economic prospects and heightened world tension. The congress, which opened in the Stalinist Palace of Culture in Warsaw yesterday, faces the unenviable task of mapping out a strategy for the 80s in a country where the exercise of power requires the high skill of balancing on a political tight-rope.

With official forecasts that planned growth rates this year will be the lowest in modern times, no end in sight to the inherent strains in relations between church and state despite Pope John Paul's visit here last year, and the continuing pressure of dissent, it seems unlikely that the party will use its congress to make any substantial changes in the leadership.

The man who steered Poland through its growth years in the early 70s and then contained potential unrest as the economy began to slow, Party Secretary Edward Gierek, is almost certain to retain and possibly increase his hold on power following the congress.

"There could be a few minor alterations, but there will be no upheavals in the congress," an influential member of the Communist Party's central committee said.

The unlikelihood of any major change, with emphasis on the continuity of Mr. Gierek's pragmatic approach, spells disappointment for liberals who had pinned their hopes on a thorough shakeup of Poland's socialist system, often described as inefficient.

A report by an unofficial but not dissident group of researchers, which called for basic changes within the socialist structure and claimed that the broad masses had lost confidence in their leaders, circulated through Poland last autumn but has since vanished almost without trace.

The report scarcely found an echo in the official guidelines for the forthcoming party congress, entitled "For the further development of socialist Poland and prosperity of the Polish nation," which were published soon afterwards.

But the guidelines, while heavily dosed with official rhetoric and boasting about real achievements in health, education and social welfare and in the increased provision of luxury consumer goods, featured fewer promises than the draft before the last party congress in December 1975.

The guidelines for that congress, for example, called for a 40 per cent increase in the gross

national product, while actually only 16 per cent was achieved from 1976 to 1980. Now GNP targets for the next five years have been set at a more modest 14-18 per cent.

On the positive side, the guidelines for the coming congress point to real advances in the provision of cars, television sets, washing machines and other luxuries which has made Poland more Western-looking than some other Eastern bloc countries.

But supply in many sectors, including housing where chronic shortages continue, is often far outstripped by a seemingly insatiable domestic demand for anything from cheap bread to a large family car.

Prices, especially of staple food products, remain a constant concern. Successive administrations in Poland have discovered that they seek increases in this sector at their peril.

The congress outlines reflect the knowledge that Mr. Gierek was swept to power in 1970 following an abortive attempt to raise food prices and that his popularity was severely damaged when he tried to do the same thing without success in 1976. They say that staple food products will be subsidised this year to the tune of 169 billion zlotys (\$5 billion).

During the citizens' phone-in sessions with government ministers in the run-up to the congress, a constant theme was dissatisfaction over shortages and

what appears to be hidden price increases introduced both by new packaging and the establishment of parallel commercial shops where prices are frequently double official tariffs.

The phone-in sessions, published in the Warsaw daily newspaper Zycie Warszawy, included some fairly blunt talk.

One reader asked about the black market, another complained about the ready availability of Western goods for hard currency in special shops, and many more said they had been unable to obtain goods because of bureaucratic slowness, inefficiency and poor distribution.

The communist authorities are aware of these facts and admit in the guidelines that increased efficiency will have to be matched by a decrease in bureaucracy.

How far this can be applied, within the strict tenets of socialist control of the economy, remains to be seen and will doubtless be a key talking point during the congress.

The powerful Roman Catholic Church, which claims the adherence of some 80 per cent of Poland's population, has also come out strongly in recent statements against economic mismanagement and what it called the progressive division of the country into haves and have-nots.

"We have a democratic socialist system, but social differences are reaching sky-high dimensions," Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, the

country's Roman Catholic

mate, said in January. His attack from the cided with a deepening ween church and sta building of a motorway the country's most sacred shrine, the Monastery of Gora in Czestochowa.

Both church and worked overtime in a patch up the dispute, the widely held head-on collision was interests of either side.

The pre-congress implicitly underscored by stating that the party policy aimed at "cooperation with the church with the realisation of import goals."

Neither side, however, the difficulties in the inherent in the difference between the three million of the Communist Party and the larger body of Christians, are going overnight.

The thornier question will also inevitably be discussed.

"The activity of the socialist — both from old right-wing orientations and newist ones — should be opposed," the guidelines stated.

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